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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

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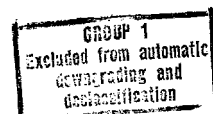
Comments on the Draft Policy Guide
Governing Public Appearances and
Open Publication by CIA Employees

1. The draft policy guide is a vast improvement over present guidance on the subject. This is the consensus of the comments I have received from those in this Directorate who have reviewed it. However, I and others feel that the material on page 2, especially paragraph c, is too severely restrictive if read literally. Despite this, I would reluctantly concur with the guide as drafted if modification of the language were impossible or would delay its issuance too long. I believe that the language in paragraph c (page 2) can and should be changed and that this can be accomplished very quickly.

2. Specifically, the phrases, "if there is a chance of..." and "if there is any likelihood of..." would mean, if taken literally, that virtually all public speaking and open publication by our employees would be prohibited. Those phrases can be interpreted as prohibitive even if the "chance" is one in a hundred or if the "likelihood" is one in a thousand. What must be introduced into this paragraph is the concept of reasonableness. Therefore, I offer the following alternative wording for the paragraph:

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c. It is CIA policy to permit activities by employees such as public speaking and writing for open publication if there is reasonable assurance (1) that the cover of the individual will not be impaired; (2) that classified information, methods, or sources will not be disclosed to unauthorized individuals or groups; and (3) that publicity, reflecting adversely upon the Agency, will not result.



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